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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 13, 16, 23, 24 and 30 as follows:

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(Amended) An information input apparatus, comprising:

- an imaging device that forms images of a subject;
- a sound recording device that records sounds;
- a storage medium that stores at least one of the images formed by the imaging device and the sounds input by the sound recording device;
- a release switch that initiates a predetermined process;
- a sound effect output device that outputs a preset sound effect when the release switch is operated; and